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Application of: Mohammed N. Islam, et al.
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Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTICAL ADD/DROP MULTIPLEXING

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Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

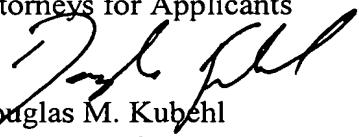
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that these references qualify as prior art or are material to the patentability of the present application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the issuance of a first Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), and therefore, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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